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Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection
For Week Ending 08-Apr-00 (Thousand Head)

	Current Week	Previous Week
	04/08/00	04/01/00
Bro-Fry	156,511	155,808
Lt Hens	2,021	1,877
Hvy Hens	1,414	1,378

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada
Weeks Ending 01-Apr- 2000 (Thousand Head)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	594	0	594
Last Week	609	0	609
Same Wk Yr Ago	462	4	466
To Date 2000	7,131	39	7,170
To Date 1999	6,324	113	6,437

(R) Revised

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In The U.S. And Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	2,505	1,314	3,819
Last Week	2,655	1,483	4,138
Same Wk Yr Ago	2,733	1,349	4,082
To Date 2000	33,423	17,808	51,231
To Date 1999	34,329	17,411	51,740

Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection
Week Ending 01-Apr-00 (Thousand Head)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	156,244 (A)	1,911	1,314	3,225
Avg Wt	4.97	3.56	7.69	5.24
Last Week	155,206	2,046	1,483	3,529
Same Week Yr Ago	144,575	2,271	1,345	3,616
Avg Wt	5.00	3.35	7.78	5.00
To-Date/2000	1,998,338	26,292	17,769	44,061
To-Date/1999	1,945,493	28,005	17,298	45,303

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier were 152.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 158.1 million head or 5.2 million head more than or 103 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

**Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection,
Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending March 25, 2000**

	(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
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Head	35,074	40,542	34,114
Avg Weight	3.69	4.80	6.11
% Of Total /1	32%	37%	31%
Comparisons			
Last Week	34,535	32,493	38,417
Avg Weight	3.74	4.83	6.07
% Of Total /1	33%	31%	36%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	34,286	26,104	43,860
Avg Weight	3.74	4.80	6.13
% Of Total /1	33%	25%	42%
To Date/2000	408,769	376,312	471,721
To Date/1999	401,795	354,215	511,726
/1 May Not Total To 100% Due To Rounding			
/2 Comparable Week			

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**Live Turkeys Slaughtered Week Ending 25-Mar-2000
(Thousand Head)**

	Young (B)	Young Breeder	Old Breeder	Total
Head	5,261	97	17	5,375
Avg Wt	26.88	28.44	31.24	27.40
Head Sltr Comparisons				
Last Week	4,680	12	44	4,736
Same Week Yr Ago	4,462	38	33	4,533
Avg Wt	26.42	25.79	25.06	26.40
To-Date/2000	54,537	170	416	55,123
To-Date/1999	54,681	205	360	55,246

(B) Includes 119,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 0,000 in 1999.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.
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